

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS section on p. 23 of the Specification with the following replacement paragraphs:

Figure 1 illustrates a functional block diagram of an exemplary fixed wireless access (FWA) network in which an embodiment of the present invention is operable[[.]];

Figure 2 illustrates exemplary portions of a communication system to illustrate the operation of an embodiment of the present invention ~~an exemplary data frame, as defined by the fixed wireless access network in Figure 1, according to an embodiment of the present invention;~~

Figure 3 illustrates a functional block diagram of portions of the fixed wireless access communication system shown in Figure 1[[.]]; and

Figure 4 illustrates a message sequence diagram exemplary of signaling generated during operation of the communication system shown in Figures 1 and 3 pursuant to an embodiment of the present invention.